GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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TATKAL RAILWAY RESERVATION
THAAWAR CHAND GEHLOT

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the activities of touts at Hazrat Nizamuddin and New Delhi Railway Stations who are fully operating `Tatkal` reservation;

(b) if so, whether any complain has been received by the Government in this regard;

(c) if so, the action taken thereon; and

(d) the manner in which the check is exercise by the Government to contain the activities of these touts?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) & (d): No complaint regarding activities of touts in the name of `Tatkal` reservation at Nizamuddin and New Delhi railway stations has been received. However, to avoid misuse of `Tatkal Scheme`, booking under this Scheme is given only on the authority of one of the proofs of identity during the journey on the basis of which he/she procured the tickets. This proof of identity is also checked by the ticket checking staff in the train. Further, to avoid misuse of this facility by touts, a provision has been made in the scheme that no refund would be admissible on the tickets issued under `Tatkal Scheme` except when the Tatkal coach is not attached or train gets delayed more than three hours. Moreover, regular drives are conducted to apprehend touts and suitable action is taken against them and also against the Railway staff if found indulging in connivance with touts.